



March 29, 2017

ORD # 0116-01

Notification of 15-Day Public Availability
of Changes to Regulations and Supporting
Documents and Information

On September 28, 2016, a public hearing was held to consider the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of the following regulations:

ITEM # 1 – FOSTER CARE SERVICES: CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11346.8(c) of the Government Code, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has revised the proposed regulatory language. Copies of the Modified Regulations Text are enclosed for your review. These documents can also be viewed from the CDSS website from the following web-link:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Post-Hearing-Regulations/ORD-No-0116-01>.

In addition, the definition for "Sexual Orientation" is being clarified. The basis for the definition for "Sexual Orientation," as well as many other LGBTQ specific terms, is continually evolving as CDSS learns more about this population. The CDSS' definition began with the definition found in "CWLA Best Practice Guidelines: Serving LGBT Youth in Out-of-home Care[1]," and evolved through discussions with stakeholders including one of the authors of this book. Furthermore, the comment received during the 45-day public comment period brought this issue to CDSS' attention and a small revision was made.

Any person interested may submit written statements or arguments relating to the modified language and documents during the public comment period from March 30, 2017 to April 13, 2017. These statements may be submitted to the Office of Regulations Development (ORD) at the following address:

California Department of Social Services
Office of Regulations Development
744 P Street, M.S. 8-4-192
Sacramento, CA 95814

Statements may also be submitted to ORD by e-mail to ord@dss.ca.gov or by fax at (916) 654-3286. In order to be considered, public comments must be received by CDSS on or before 5:00 p.m., April 13, 2017.

Any questions concerning the proposed regulations and documents or information may be directed to Oliver Chu, Regulations Analyst at ORD, at (916) 657-2586.

Enclosures

Description of Method Used to Illustrate
Changes to Original Text

In the attached regulations document, the language originally proposed is underlined. Deletions to existing language are shown by strikeout. Revisions made subsequent to public hearing are shown as follows:

Added language double underlined

New language added following public hearing.

Deleted language double strikeout

~~Language deleted following public hearing.~~